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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown Chief, Section of Administration Office of Proceedings Surface Transportation Board 395 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20424 ENTERED Office of Proceedings

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Re:

Environmental Report, Historic Report and Required Certifications for

Docket No. AB-314 (Sub No. 5X)

Chicago Central and Pacific Railroad Company - Notice of Exemption for

Abandonment in North Riverside, Cook County, Illinois

Dear Ms. Brown:

Chicago Central and Pacific Railroad Company ("CC&P") intends to file a Notice of Exemption for the above-referenced proposed abandonment any time on or after July 2, 2012. Enclosed for the above-referenced Abandonment Exemption are the following documents, which are required by 49 C.F.R. Part 1105:

- 1. An original and ten copies of the Environmental/Historic Report;
- 2. An original and ten copies of the transmittal letter that accompanied the reports; and
- 3. An original and ten copies of a certificate demonstrating compliance with the requirements of 49 C.F.R. Part 1105.

Feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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Re: Chicago Central and Pacific Railroad Company Notice of Exemption for Abandonment – North Riverside, Cook County, Illinois - Docket AB-314 (Sub-No. 5X)

To Whom It May Concern:

Any time on or after July 2, 2012, Chicago Central and Pacific Railroad Company ("CC&P") expects to file with the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") a Notice of Exemption seeking authority to abandon a railroad line located between milepost 11.88 and milepost 13.47, a distance of 1.59 miles, in North Riverside, Cook County, Illinois. Enclosed is an Environmental Report and a Historic Report describing the proposed action and any expected environmental and historical effects, as well as a map of the affected area.

We are providing this report so that you may review the information that will form the basis for the STB's independent environmental and historical analysis of this proceeding. If any of the information is misleading or incorrect, if you believe that pertinent information is missing, or if you have any questions about the STB's environmental and historic review process, please contact their Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA), at the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20423-0001, (202) 245-0245, and refer to the above docket number.

CC&P will file the Environmental Report and Historic Report with the STB on or about April 27, 2012. Because the applicable statutes and regulations impose stringent deadlines for processing this action, your written comments to the STB (with a copy to the undersigned) would be appreciated within three weeks. Your comments will be considered by the STB in evaluating the environmental and historical impact of the contemplated action.

If there are any questions concerning this proposal, please contact the undersigned directly at (708) 332-4381 or by mail at the above address.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Healey

Attorney for Chicago Central and Pacific Railroad Co.

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Docket No. AB-314 (Sub-No. 5X)

CHICAGO CENTRAL AND PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FOR ABANDONMENT IN NORTH RIVERSIDE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

To: Chief, Section of Administration Surface Transportation Board (STB) 395 E. Street, SW Washington, DC 20424

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH 49 C.F.R. PART 1105

I hereby certify that on April 27, 2012, copies of the Environmental Report and Historic Report for the above-captioned proceeding were served on the agencies listed at 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(b), all agencies consulted in preparing the reports, and on the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency. A service list is attached and incorporated into this certificate as Attachment A. The reports have been sent within the time period specified, as Chicago Central and Pacific Railroad Company intends to file its Notice of Exemption in the above-captioned matter no earlier than July 2, 2012. All appropriate agencies as listed in 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(e) have been consulted well in advance of preparing the Environmental Report.

I also certify that a newspaper notice was published on March 18, 2012, in *The Chicago Tribune*, a newspaper of general circulation in Cook County, Illinois. The notice alerted the public to the proposed abandonment, to possible reuse alternatives, and to procedures for participating in the STB proceeding. A copy of the notice is attached to this certificate as Attachment B.

Dated this 27th day of April, 2012

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CHICAGO CENTRAL AND PACIFIC RAIL-ROAD COMPANY ("CC&P") gives notice that on or after April 30, 2012, it intends to file with the Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423, a Petition for Exemption under 49 CFR 1105.12 Subpart F-Exempt Abandonments, permitting the abandonment of approximately 1.59 miles of rail-road line starting at Milepost 11.88 and ending at Milepost 13.47, in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois. This line traverses through U.S. Postal Zip Codes 60130 and 60546. There is one station. The proceeding will be docketed as AB-314 (Sub-No. 5X).

The Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will generally prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA), which will normally be available 25 days after the filing of the petition for exemption. Comments on environmental and energy matters should be filed no later than 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public and will be addressed in a Board decision. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA or make inquiries regarding environmental matters by writing to the SEA, Surface Transportation Board, 395 E. Street SW, Washington, DC 20423 or by calling that office at (202) 245-0245.

Appropriate offers of financial assistance to continue rail service can be filed with the Board. Requests for environmental conditions, public use conditions, or rail banking/ trails use also can be filed with the Board. An original and 10 copies of any pleading that raises matters other than environmental issues (such as trails use, public use, and offers of financial assistance) must be filed directly with the Board's Office of the Secretary, 395 E. Street SW, Washington, DC 20423 [See 49 CFR 1104.1(a) and 1104.3(a)], and one copy must be served on applicant's representative. [See 49 CFR 1104.12(a)]. Questions regarding offers of financial assistance, public use or trail use may be directed to the Commission's Office of Congressional and Public Services at (202) 565-1592. Copies of any comments or requests for conditions should be served on the applicant's representative: Thomas J. Healey, (708) 332-4381 at 17641 S. Ashland Avenue, Homewood, IL 60430.

BEFORE THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DOCKET NO. AB-314 (SUB-NO. 5X)

CHICAGO CENTRAL AND PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY
-- ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION -IN NORTH RIVERSIDE, ILLINOIS

ENVIRONMENTAL/HISTORIC REPORT

Chicago Central and Pacific Railroad Company ("CC&P") submits this Environmental/Historic Report in compliance with the reporting requirements of 49 C.F.R. §§ 1105.7 and 1105.8. Supporting correspondence and certifications are attached. It is the conclusion of this Report that the proposed abandonment, if implemented, will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT - 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(e)

- 1. <u>Proposed Action and Alternatives</u>. CC&P seeks to abandon its line of railroad extending from milepost 11.88 to milepost 13.47 in North Riverside, Illinois (the "Line"). The Line is situated in Cook County, Illinois and extends a total distance of approximately 1.59 miles.
- 2. The Line has not been required to serve any customer in many years. Previously, the line was referred to as "The Harlem Branch" and served Stellar Distribution.

Following abandonment, CC&P intends to salvage rail, ties and track materials from the Line.

The railbed and subgrade of the Line will remain in place and not be disturbed.

A map showing the location of the Line is attached herein as Appendix A.

3. <u>Transportation System</u>. CC&P does not anticipate that existing regional or local transportation systems or patterns will be affected by the proposed abandonment. No rail service is currently provided on that portion of the Line. Thus, no traffic will be diverted to other transportation

systems or modes as a result of the proposed abandonment. There is no overhead traffic on the Line, and no passenger trains are operated over the Line

Abandonment of the Line will close two at grade crossings. DOT #840407J, located at 24th Street, and DOT #289825H, located on Cermak Road.

CC&P has contacted and requested comments from the State of Illinois, Department of Transportation. See correspondence attached herein as **Appendix B**. The DOT coordinated its review with the Central Office Environment Section and the District One Bureau of Design. Since the abandonment of this line will remove a grade crossing, the DOT is requiring CC&P to patch the roadway and return the automatic warning devices to be used for a crossing improvement at another location.

The Village Administrator was contacted and comments were requested. No comments have been received to date. See correspondence attached herein as **Appendix C**.

4. Land Use.

- (i) CC&P does not foresee any inconsistency with regional and/or local land use plans, but has contacted and requested comments from the National Geodetic Survey. See correspondence attached herein as Appendix D. The NGS responded that there are no geodetic markers in this area.
- (ii) The proposed abandonment lies between the towns of North Riverside and Forest Park, Illinois. The Natural Resources Conservation Service was contacted and comments were requested. The NRCS has made no comments to date. See correspondence attached herein as **Appendix E**.
- (iii) This track does not lie within a designated Coastal Zone Management Area and, accordingly, the proposed abandonment will not affect any land or water uses in such an area or result in any coastal impacts. The Illinois Coastal Zone Management Program was contacted and comments were requested. See correspondence attached herein as **Appendix F**. No comments have been received to date.
- (iv) CC&P is not aware of any alternative public use under 49 U.S.C. § 10905 for which the right-of-way of this track would be suitable.

5. Energy.

- (i) The proposed abandonment will not have any effect on the transportation of energy resources. No energy resource commodities move on the Line, and CC&P foresees little or no possibility that such on-line traffic would develop in the future.
- (ii) The movement and/or recovery of recyclable commodities will not be adversely affected by this abandonment. No such traffic has been handled on this line for many years (if ever), and CC&P foresees little or no possibility that any online recyclable commodity traffic would develop in the future.
- (iii) Abandonment will not result in an increase or decrease in overall energy efficiency. There is no freight traffic on this portion of the Line and thus there will be no changes in existing transportation patterns or energy usage as a result of the proposed abandonment.
- (iv) Not applicable. Abandonment of the Line will not cause the diversion of more than 1,000 rail carloads per year or an average of 50 rail carloads per mile per year to motor carriers.

6. <u>Air</u>.

- (i) Not applicable. Abandonment will not result in (A) a minimum increase in rail traffic of 100% or eight trains per day on any segment of rail line, (B) an increase in rail yard activity of at least 100%, or (C) an average increase in truck traffic of more than 10% of the average daily traffic or 50 vehicles per day on any road segment.
- (ii) Not applicable. Abandonment of the Line will not result in traffic increases which exceed the thresholds specified in 49 C.F.R. §1105.7(e)(5)(ii)(A), (B) or (C).
- (iii) Not applicable. There is no traffic on the proposed abandonment, thus no shipments of ozone-depleting materials will be diverted as a result of this abandonment.
- 7. Noise. Not applicable. As indicated above, none of the thresholds identified in 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(e)(5)(i) will be exceeded as a result of the abandonment.

8. Safety.

- (i) The proposed action will have no adverse effect upon public health or safety.

 During any salvage operations on the track, precautions will be taken to ensure public safety.
- (ii) Not applicable. To CC&P's knowledge, no hazardous commodities were ever handled on this Line. Accordingly, the proposed abandonment will have no effect on the transportation of hazardous materials.
- (iii) To the best of CC&P's knowledge, there are no known hazardous waste sites or any hazardous waste materials involved. Therefore, CC&P believes that its abandonment will not have any adverse impact on this site.

9. <u>Biological Resources</u>.

(i) CC&P does not believe that any endangered or threatened species are present in the area or would be adversely affected. Salvage operations will be handled within the right-of-way using existing access routes. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources has been contacted and comments were requested. See correspondence attached as **Appendix G**. In the DOT's correspondence attached as **Appendix B**, it stated this abandonment is clear for wetlands, endangered and threatened species. There has been no additional comments from the DNR.

CC&P sent correspondence to The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. See correspondence attached as **Appendix H**. To date, there has been no comment from the Service.

- (ii) The Line does not pass through or adjacent to any wildlife sanctuaries or refuges or any national or state parks or forests and, accordingly, none will be adversely affected. CC&P has contacted and requested comments from the National Park Service. See correspondence attached herein as **Appendix I**. There has been no response to date
- 10. <u>Water.</u> Any water quality effects of the proposed abandonment should be minimal. The Line does not pass over any waterways. CC&P does not intend to alter the contour of the roadbed underlying this line in connection with the proposed abandonment. CC&P likewise does not anticipate

discharge of any materials into navigable waters that would require permits under Sections 402 and 404 of the Clean Water Act.

- (i) CC&P has contacted the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (in Chicago and Springfield) to determine whether the proposed abandonment is consistent with applicable federal, state and local water and air quality standards. See correspondence attached herein as Appendix J and K. There has been no response to date from either office.
- (ii) CC&P also requested comments from the Army Corps of Engineers. See correspondence attached herein as Appendix L. There have been no comments to date.
- (iii) CC&P believes that no permits under section 402 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1342) will be required for the proposed action.
- 11. <u>Proposed Mitigation</u>. As no adverse impact is anticipated, CC&P does not propose any mitigation activities.

HISTORIC REPORT - 49 C.F.R. § 1105.8(d)

- 1. Map. A map of the Line is attached hereto as Appendix A.
- 2. <u>Description of Line</u>. CC&P seeks to abandon its line of railroad extending from milepost 11.88 to milepost 13.47 in North Riverside, Illinois (the "Line"). The Line is situated in Cook County, Illinois and extends a total distance of approximately 1.59 miles. The Line has not been required to serve any customer in many years. Previously, the line was referred to as "The Harlem Branch" and served Stellar Distribution.
- 3. <u>Photographs</u>. There are no photographs of this line since there are no structures or bridges.
- 4. <u>Information on Structures</u>. There are no buildings, structures, or bridges within the proposed Line abandonment.
- 5. <u>History of Operations</u>. The Line has not been required to serve any customer in many years. Previously, the line was referred to as "The Harlem Branch" and served Stellar Distribution.

6. <u>Engineering Documents</u>. If such documents exist, CC&P will disclose any documents, or

drawings that might be useful in preparation for this abandonment.

7. <u>Historic Criteria</u>. There are no structures or bridges located along this portion of the line.

CC&P believes that no culturally significant locations, archaeological sites or unique landforms will be

affected by the abandonment. CC&P has contacted and given notice of the proposed abandonment to the

Illinois Historic Preservation Agency. See correspondence attached as Appendix M. There have been no

comments to date.

8. <u>Ground Disturbances</u>. CC&P is unaware of any possibility that archaeological resources

may be in the area. The abandonment activities should have no impact as CC&P simply intends on

removing the rail and ties and leaving the right-of-way intact. Access to the line is good.

Dated: April 27, 2012

Respectfully submitted,

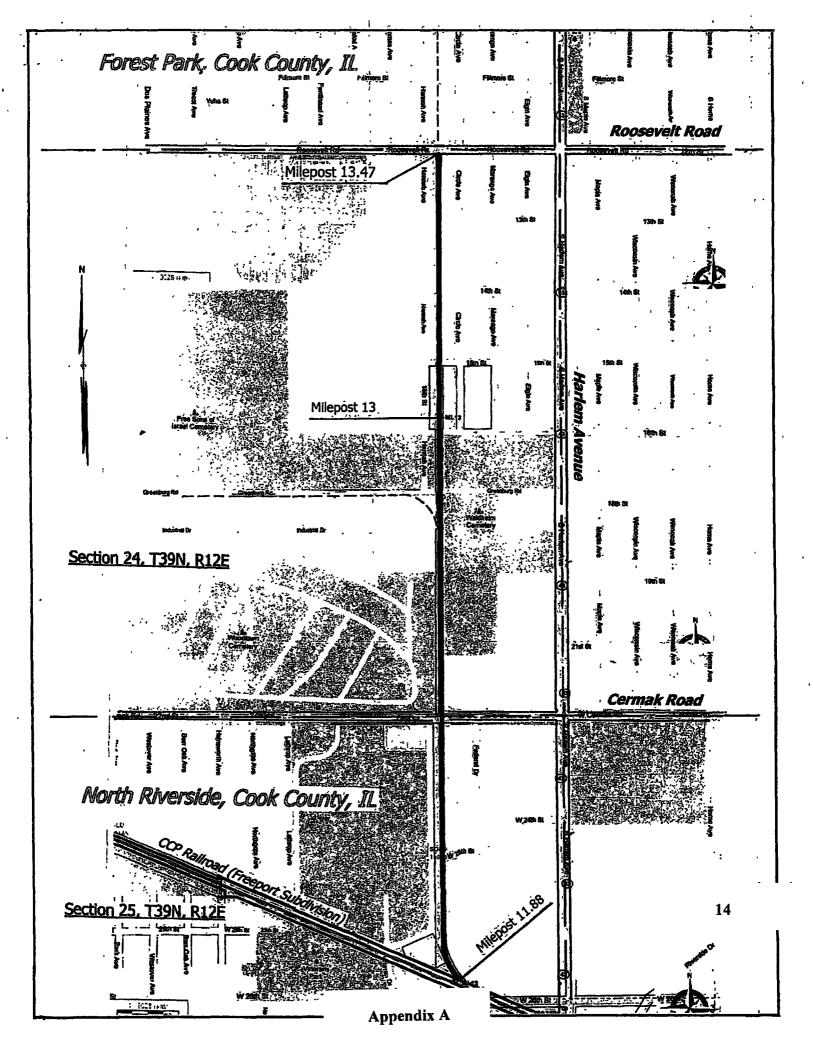
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February 22, 2012

Illinois Department of Transportation 2300 S. Dirksen Parkway Springfield, IL 62764

Re: Chicago Central and Pacific Railroad Company Proposed Abandonment in North

Riverside, Cook County, Illinois, Docket No: AB-314 (Sub-No. 5X)

Dear Sir or Madam:

Chicago Central and Pacific Railroad Company ("CC&P") is planning to file a proposed abandonment with the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") for approval to abandon approximately 1.59 miles of railroad line starting at Milepost 11.88 and ending at Milepost 13.47, in North Riverside, Cook County, Illinois. For your convenience, we have attached a map for your reference. CC&P is advising you of the proposed action so you may assist us in identifying any potential effects of the proposed action on, among other things, the following:

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Because of the nature of the proposed action, we foresee no adverse effects. Nevertheless, we would appreciate your review and any comments you may wish to offer. We would appreciate a written response as soon as possible so that we may include it in the environmental report, which we will file with the STB. We intend on filing the Environmental Report in four weeks.

Thank you for your assistance.

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Encl.

March 13, 2012

SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING

Chicago, Central and Pacific Railroad Company Proposed Abandonment in North Riverside,

Cook County, Illinois

Docket No.: AB-314 (Sub.-No. 5X)

Mr. Thomas J. Healey Counsel-Regulatory Chicago, Central and Pacific Railroad Company 17641 South Ashland Avenue1500 Homewood, IL 60430-1339

Dear Mr. Healey:

We appreciate you informing us of your company's proposed abandonment in North Riverside, Illinois.

We have coordinated our review efforts with our Central Office Environment Section and our District One Bureau of Design office and have the following comments:

The area under consideration for abandonment is not in the National Wetland Inventory (NWI), Illinois Natural Area Inventory Sites, Nature Preserve or Element of Occurrence Records for federal or state listed species. Your company's proposed abandonment is clear for wetlands and endangered and threatened species.

Regarding the crossing at Cermak Road, there are automatic warning devices and a Star Track crossing surface in place. When that crossing surface is removed this material should be returned to the state to be used for a crossing improvement at another location on your company's line.

Mr. Thomas J. Healey Chicago, Central and Pacific Railroad Company March 13, 2012 Page Two

In addition, your company will be required to patch the roadway with hot mix asphalt (HMA) to fill the void left by the crossing removal. The work should be performed in accordance with the most current "Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction". A Department of Transportation permit must be obtained from our district office before the commencement of any roadway work.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment on your company's proposed project.

Sincerely,

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Acting Bureau Chief of Design & Environment

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Fw: NGS Response, STB Docket AB-314 (SUB NO. 05X)

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